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Ms. Karen Patterson, Chair
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1103 Conger Drive
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Dear Ms. Patterson:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board Recommendation Number 248 – P Reactor End-State Options
(Your letter, 7/24/07)

Thank you for your recommendations as stated below regarding public workshops on the P Reactor End-State process to ensure early public involvement in the end-state option decisions.

- 1. The Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) host, with participation from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region-4 (EPA-4), several well-publicized public workshops on the P Reactor End-State process. The first workshop should be conducted between September and October 2007, and discuss the topic of the P Reactor performance assessment modeling. Additional workshops should occur every two to three months and discuss topics such as End State Options under consideration, the In-Situ Decommissioning Concept, the Cost/Benefit Evaluation, and funding needs.**
- 2. DOE-SR provide a definitive schedule and agenda topics for each workshop discussed above by August 15, 2007.**

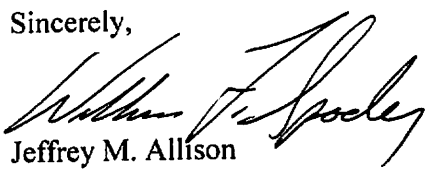
In response to your recommendation, I am proposing two initial workshops to be held in the Aiken area on October 16, 2007, and January 17, 2008.

I anticipate the agenda for the first workshop addressing the P Reactor End-State schedule will include production reactor fundamentals and the performance assessment modeling approach. The agenda for the second workshop would address modeling results, the In-Situ Alternatives Study, and a brief explanation of early actions to kick off the Proposed Plan public comment period.

The workshops will be well publicized, and EPA-4 and SCDHEC have indicated plans to participate. As the P Reactor End-State process develops, there may be a need to hold additional workshops, and the Department will coordinate the additional workshops as needed.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Wade Whitaker, of my staff, at (803) 952-7760.

Sincerely,


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